

RESOLUTION NO. XXXX (Green Line)

WHEREAS, the City of Austin seeks to expand its residents' transportation choices, improve mobility, enhance the environment and move towards the regional vision for growth and the development of commuter rail service to connect Downtown Austin, East Austin, Manor, Elgin, and Travis and Bastrop counties (the Green Line) is consistent with the City of Austin's goal; and

WHEREAS, development of the Green Line would support regional land use plans and the Envision Central Texas plan; and

WHEREAS, the Green Line will support greater social equity and economic opportunity for the region's highest percentage of low to moderate-income families through access to jobs, educational opportunities, and services in the City of Austin; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Capital Metro) is developing Project Connect, a high-capacity transit plan with the goal of connecting people, places and opportunities through a complete, congestion-proof system of reliable and frequent high-capacity transit services running in dedicated lanes or on tracks, away from other traffic; and

WHEREAS, Project Connect has been and will continue to be closely coordinated with City of Austin transportation initiatives including the 2016 Mobility Bond Corridor Program and the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan and is complementary to and supportive of those programs; and

WHEREAS, the Green Line is included in Project Connect; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2018, the City of Austin removed the requirement that Capital Metro reimburse the City of Austin for the unallocated \$6 million under the Quarter Cent program and obligated Capital Metro to use those funds for preliminary engineering work and environmental analysis on Project Connect corridors; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2018, the Travis County Commissioners Court dedicated funds to study potential financing options for development of the Green Line; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kirk Watson and Representative Celia Israel filed legislation during the 85th Legislative Session to relieve restrictions on Capital Metro's ability to construct the Green Line; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council amends the City's State legislative agenda for the 86th Legislative Session to include support of legislation that allows the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, or another regional partner, to develop the Green Line.